



Brownfields 2017 Cleanup Grant Fact Sheet

Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation, Belchertown, MA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Cleanup Grants

\$400,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation for two brownfields cleanup grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up Lots 1 and 2 of the former Belchertown State School located at 9 Berkshire Avenue. These lots are part of an 845-acre school complex that was founded in 1922 and closed in December 1992. It has been idle since then. The site is contaminated with PCBs and inorganic contaminants. Grant funds also will be used to support community engagement activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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